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HAYASHI et al.

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POSITIVE ELECTRODE PLATE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE

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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Applicants elect Group I (claims 1, 2, 4, 5) in response to the Restriction

Requirement of July 24, 2003.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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